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In re Application of  
Davis, Daniel E.  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed March 7, 2005, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued December 21, 1999. The last day of the grace period for paying the 3.5-year maintenance fee was December 21, 2003. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

**The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.**

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a request to change the address of record should be filed. Petitioner should note that a change of correspondence address would not affect the fee address. Therefore, if petitioner desires to receive future correspondence, which **may** be mailed regarding maintenance fees for the above-identified patent, the "fee address" and/or "customer number" forms should be submitted.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3282.

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